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Re: Patent Application based on
Provisional Application
Serial No. 60/461,690 filed 4-8-03
Applicant: Verne L. Schellhorn
entitled LARGE SCALE SOIL PROCESSING TOOL
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.10, the undersigned hereby certifies that the following is being deposited as "Express Mail" with the United States Postal Service on Monday, March 29, 2004, as addressed above, and requests that the above-entitled patent application be accorded a filing date of March 29, 2004. The "Express Mail" mailing number is ER 624017982 US. The items transmitted herewith include:

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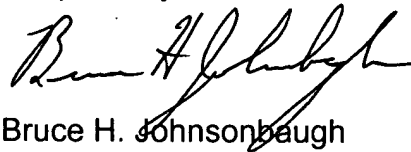
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